Minute of the GSS Executive Board Meeting
Friday, December 11, 2020 – 11am EST

Attending: Stephen Campbell, Will Cecere, Simone Gray, Kathi Irvine, Elizabeth Mannshardt, Mike Messner, Emily Molfino, Tara Murphy, Jennifer Parker, Jenny Thompson, Michael Yang

Regrets: Jenny Guarino

Next GSS Board Meeting: January 2021

1. Administrative Items
   a. Roll Call / Confirm next scheduled board meeting
   b. Minutes/Action items from previous meeting
      i. November minutes approved
      ii. Discuss action items
         1. GSS webpage updated with presentations from three SAPWs
         2. ICES-VI is no longer being held in person, but will be held virtual
            a. Jenny will update website
         3. GSS sent a complete list of candidates for Chair-Elect and Program Chair-elect
      iii. Propose agenda topics for next meeting
         1. Officers Handbook
            a. GSS Operating Procedures was created last December describing the roles of each board position
               i. Tara will send with the minutes
            b. ASA has an Officers Handbook but unsure how to access
         2. Roger Herriot Award Nomination

2. End of year report for ASA
   a. Current and incoming board went through ASA’s questionnaire and determined responses
   b. Jenny shared the three GSS bullet points that are set with ASA
      i. First bullet changes
         1. Jennifer P. suggested adding “mentorship”
      ii. Second bullet changes
         1. No suggested changes
      iii. Third bullet changes
         1. Jenny suggested adding “short courses, webinars, and practicum” to “Organizes topical workshops”
   c. Status of the section
      i. Newsletter published
      ii. Articles submitted to Amstat News
      iii. Communicated with other sections through ASA Community
      iv. Reached out for feedback from members
      v. Section-sponsored meetings
      vi. Welcome New Members Initiative
         1. Incoming Chair put out welcome letter to all members
         2. Rick from ASA can send a listing of new members that do not include renewed members
            a. Donna LaLonde (ASA) has talked about creating a student list
3. Jenny shared welcome letter via email in January 2020 and kept on webpage for two months

vii. Current updated website
viii. Social media used to communicate? No
d. Meeting and networking activities
   i. Organize and/or sponsor conferences?
      1. GSS is set to underwrite ICES-VI conference
      2. Work was done in 2020
   ii. Offer roundtable during ASA conferences?
      1. Two were initially on JSM program
   iii. Open section business meeting
   iv. Networking activities?
      1. Roundtable offered by Michael Y. as non-fee event
      2. Elizabeth did work on the Committee on Career Development, which had “Guided Networking” at JSM – virtual in 2020
e. Professional Development
   i. Webinars offered
      1. 3 in January – March
      2. 2 in September/October
   ii. Professional Development courses? No
   iii. Professional development activities not mentioned above? No
   iv. Support for students, young researchers and statisticians
      1. Sponsored travel grants and scholarships
   v. Outreach programs to schools, science fairs, or grad schools? No
   vi. No direct support to students
f. Recognition awards
   i. Student awards
   ii. Volunteer recognition
   iii. Pat Doyle Award
   iv. ASA Fellows Nominating Committee
      1. Two were nominated in 2021
      2. Jennifer P. will check for 2020
   v. Any other? Jeannie Griffith Mentoring, Roger Herriot Award
g. Mentoring
   i. Mentoring program
   ii. Leadership development? No
   iii. Leadership activities
      1. Elizabeth made a suggestion a couple months ago about possibly offering a Virtual Roundtable or Panel on something like ‘Paths to Leadership and Career Growth in Government”
h. Outreach activities
   i. Coordinated with other sections
   ii. Conduct new member recruitment activities
      1. All professional development activities were offered to members inside and outside of ASA, and made a plug for membership during them
   iii. Any other? Webinars
   i. Executive board meetings
      i. Every month, plus open section meeting (13 total)
      ii. Agenda and minutes taken and posted to GSS webpage
iii. Full slate of officers for 2021 created
iv. New officers prepared for transfer?
   1. Tara met with Emily to discuss Secretary/Treasurer position
   2. Chairs and Program Chairs stay on an additional year but haven’t held a transfer meeting
v. 2021 budget submitted
j. Initiatives in 2020
   i. Practicums/webinars
      1. One presentation during first practicum led to methods being used for a presentation during the second webinar
   ii. Roundtable offered as non-fee event
   iii. Mentoring program to engage more membership
k. Anything exciting for 2021?
   i. Growing mentoring program
   ii. “How to get a paper published when you’re not an academic” webinar/training
l. Any changes to questionnaire?
   i. Jennifer P. will note at the end of the survey some of the things were cancelled due to COVID

3. Nominees for the Roger Herriot Award
   a. Innovation in national statistics
      i. https://community.amstat.org/governmentstatisticssection/awards/rogerherriotaward
   b. $1000 award and presentation
      i. Awarded during Gertrude M. Cox dinner. Winner gives a seminar to WSS.
   c. Jenny suggested nominating a certain individual in the private sector who has done a lot of work in privacy for government
   d. Elizabeth discussed nominating a Chief Data Officer or someone working in data governance from a federal agency
      i. She mentioned these initiative are being implemented across agencies and it offers an opportunity to think about the data management/governance side of federal statistics
      ii. The CDO program may offer a way to find people and projects to nominate
      iii. Could look to see what might be presented at various conferences, etc.
   e. Elizabeth also recommended nominating someone from Census Bureau
      i. Due to 2020 pandemic and decennial Census, could be an interesting presentation and likely much effort being done
   f. Board does not need to come up with nominations but it would help the award committee to consider some individuals for nomination

4. Mentoring Team Updates
   a. 11 pairs, 20 people participating

5. GSS Newsletter
   a. Proposed Topics
      i. Fall 2020 in Review
         1. Blended Data Practicum Workshops
            a. Jenny will write-up
         2. Virtual Roundtable (Nonprobability Surveys)
            a. Michael Y. will write-up
3. Mentoring Program
   a. Mike M. will write-up
   i. Thanks to outgoing officers (Elizabeth, Michael Y., Jenny G., Tara)
   iii. Upcoming candidates for 2022 GSS board
      1. Elizabeth will reach out for bios and write-up
   iv. ICES-VI Student Contest
   v. Upcoming awards to start thinking about
      1. Roger Herriot award
      2. Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring award
   vi. Proposals for future events
      1. Potential Virtual Roundtable or Panel on “Paths to Leadership and Career Growth in Government”
         a. Jennifer P. and Elizabeth discussed
         b. Elizabeth will write-up
      2. Roundtable topics?
      3. Short courses?
   b. Assignments
      i. Send write-up’s to Jenny by next Friday, the 18th

Officers
Chair: Jenny Thompson  
Chair-Elect 2020: Michael Messner  
Past Chair: Elizabeth Mannshardt  
Secretary/Treasurer 2019-2020: Tara Murphy  
COS Rep 2019-2021: Jennifer Parker  
Program Chair 2020: Michael Yang  
Program Chair-Elect 2020: Will Cecere  
Publications Officer 2019-2020: Jenny Guarino